THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) A new initiative, namely the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (Development and Reform Facility) is proposed for the development of backward areas, including those in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The details of funding under the scheme are yet to be finalized.

Growth rate in service sector

†3065. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual growth rate in the country is assessed to be continuously increasing in 1999-2000, 2000-01 and first nine months of 2002-03;

(b) if so, the annual growth rate in service sector in the country during above period, service-wise; and

(c) the additional employment oportunities created inservice sector during above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir. The rate of growth in services sector (which includes Trade, Hotels and restaurants, Railways, Transport by other means, Storage, Communications, Banking and Insurance, Real estate, Public administration and Defence and other services) was 10.1% in 1999-2000, 5.6% in 2000-01and 7.4% during the first nine months of 2002-03 (over corresponding period of 2001-02).

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.